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Subject: CLIFTON, LUCILLE

FOIPA No. 1186819- 000

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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55 page(s) were reviewed and 55 page(s) are being released.

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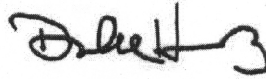
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☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 29-HQ-22627.

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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/25/58

FROM : SA, BUFFALO (99-51)

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SUBJECT: ANTHONY J. ALLEN, Teller  
UNITED TRUST COMPANY OF WESTERN NEW YORK  
Grant and Ferry Office  
Buffalo, New York  
FRA

On 2/1/58, EDWARD H. CONNELLEY, Operations Department, captioned bank, advised that LA MCCA paid \$100.00 on a withdrawal slip on a savings account of one, ANTHONY J. ALLEN, which did not exist. She then resigned. Her withdrawal was made 1/1/58. In 1957, ALLEN had handled some checks which later were lost. Appropriate investigation will be made and reported.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date  
4/30/58

Investigative Period  
4/2-4,7-9,14-16,18,21,22,23

Report made by

HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)

CHARACTER OF CASE

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JOELIE THELMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood -  
Main Office, Buffalo,  
New York

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

## ACCOUNTING REPORT

SAYLES converted \$800.00 to own use between 8/29/57 and 11/7/57 by drawing checks on inactive checking account. On or about 11/8/57, SAYLES removed cancelled checks on this account from file and destroyed them. On 1/31/58, SAYLES converted \$500.00 to own use by showing she cashed fictitious saving withdrawal slip. Total shortage \$1,300.00. No restitution has been made. Statute will bar prosecution on first offense 8/29/62. SAYLES gave signed statement admitting conversion of funds. USA desired report before deciding as to prosecution.

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- 1 - USA, Buffalo
- 2 - Buffalo (29-510)

Special Agent  
in Charge

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[redacted] supplied a record of teller's differences from January 1, 1997. He said that her shortages were over the average for tellers.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT**

4/28/58

[redacted] Vice-President and Auditor,  
[redacted] advised that after the checks drawn on the [redacted] account  
disappeared from the files of the [redacted] Office  
each \$200.00 item was traced on the days involved. He  
stated that the checks in question that disappeared from  
the files of the bank were as follows:

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August 29, 1957	\$200.00
September 16, 1957	\$100.00
October 11, 1957	\$100.00
October 22, 1957	\$200.00
November 7, 1957	\$200.00

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[redacted] advised that his staff traced each  
\$200.00 item both pay outs and checks received through  
clearings and correspondent banks as well as deposits on  
August 29, 1957, October 22, 1957, and November 7, 1957. He  
said that on each of these days every \$200.00 check and  
withdrawal had been accounted for and that it had been de-  
termined that the \$200.00 checks against the [redacted] account  
had been handled by SAYLES. He advised that the \$100.00 items  
on September 16, 1957, and October 11, 1957, were too numerous  
to trace. He furnished the results of the tracing of the  
\$200.00 items mentioned above. He said the tracing of the  
items did not include interview of any of the makers of the  
checks or correspondents with correspondent banks from which  
such checks were received. He advised that the [redacted]  
Office does not photograph any checks drawn on that office.  
He said there were no photographs of the checks drawn against  
the [redacted] account. He stated that the [redacted]  
Office has open tellers' cages, [redacted] while working as a  
teller, would have access to the files containing cancelled  
checks. He said a complete verification of checking and savings  
accounts was made during the audit and there were no shortages  
other than reported. [redacted] advised that he had questioned

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Interview with [redacted]

File # BH 29-518

Dated: 4/28/58

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on 4/2/58 at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agents HAROLD S. BRUNING (A) and EDWARD J. CRAIG (A)/ml

SAYLES concerning the cashing of the \$500.00 savings withdrawal slip and that she claimed she had never been told to call another office of the bank to verify the existence or balance of an account before cashing a check or withdrawal slip on that office. He said that she appeared unconcerned about being responsible for any shortages and made no admissions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT

4/28/58

[redacted] Collection Manager, Victoria's Department Store, made available the ledger card of the account of LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Number 10985. The account was opened September 25, 1957. It was approved to a maximum of \$95.00. He said SAYLES made payments against the account before charging any merchandise. It was noted that on January 30, 1958, SAYLES made a payment of \$60.10.

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Interview with

[redacted]

File # 29-22627-2  
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on 4/2/58 at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agent HAROLD J. FORTENOT (A)/all

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INTERVIEW REPORT

4/28/58

[redacted] Seaboard Finance Company, 404 Fillmore Avenue, made available the ledger card showing loans made by LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES. The original loan was made April 2, 1956, in the amount of \$303.00. The record indicated that SAYLES previously had an account at the Domestic Finance Company, which was closed at the time she opened the account at Seaboard. It was noted that SAYLES made the following payments to Seaboard on her loan account:

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August 28, 1957	\$60.44
November 7, 1957	\$90.64
January 30, 1958	\$272.94

When the payment was made on January 30, 1958, the balance was reduced to \$100.00. [redacted] advised that there would be no record as to the manner the payment on January 30, 1958, was made. The record did not show whether the payment was received in cash or check.

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Interview with [redacted]

on 4/3/58 at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agents HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A) and EDWARD J. CRAIG (A)/ml

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4/26/58

... Street, made available the ledger part of the account of LUCILLE THYLMA SAYER. A review of the account reflected that she made a payment in the amount of \$2.00 on January 30, 1958.

[redacted] advised that his store is a men's shop and does not sell any ladies' clothing.

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Interview with

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File # 29-22627-114  
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INTERVIEW REPORT

11/28/58

Office, Marine Trust Company of Buffalo, New York, advised that that office employs two tellers normally, but three tellers on busy days. In addition, there is one night teller. The tellers' cages are open. The tellers' cages are all open. Tellers have access to larger cages and all work in the floor.

He advised that they operate on a one day delay basis. Checks received are posted on the day following receipt, but under the date of the day they are received. He advised that a check received on November 6 would be posted on November 7, but under the date of November 7. He advised that tellers used teller machines. These machines accumulate totals of cash received and cash paid out. The tellers' strikes at the end of the day are prepared on the teller machine tapes. The teller machines stamp the date, the number of the machine, and the amount on the tape, the deposit ticket, and the receipt simultaneously. Receipts are not given for savings deposits by the tellers but entries are made by the tellers in the savings account passbooks.

He advised that he had no reason to doubt [redacted] because [redacted] had been a customer of the bank for many years. [redacted] owned a house which he rented and used the account to deposit rental checks and expenses on the property. He said that [redacted] claimed that he did not receive the statement and cancelled checks which should have been mailed to him in September. According to the system at the bank [redacted] should have been mailed statements and his cancelled checks within a few days of the middle of the months of March, June, September and December. [redacted] maintained a regular checking account.

[redacted] advised that the last check drawn against the [redacted] account was posted to the account under the date of November 7, 1957. This meant that the check was received on November 7, 1957, but was physically posted to the ledger account on November 8, 1957, under the date of November 7.

Interview with [redacted]

File # NY 29-518

Dictated: [redacted]

on 11/2/58 at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agent HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A) and EDWARD J. CRAIG (A)/mlt

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7. 1. 1958. He said that UPNSTALL came to the bank on Friday, November 8, 1957, to advise that since he had sold the house for which the account was established he intended to transfer the balance to a savings account. Upon being informed that the balance in the account was \$1,451.67, he gave some indication that the balance was not correct. On the following Monday morning, [redacted] again came to the bank with his check stub book and said that his balance appeared to be \$500.00 short. [redacted] advised that he either went to the file himself or asked someone to go to the file to obtain the cancelled checks of [redacted] and found that there were no cancelled checks in the file. He advised that when [redacted] came to the bank on Friday, he talked to the Assistant Manager, [redacted] and that when he came to the bank on the following Monday morning he talked to [redacted]

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He said that with respect to the \$500.00 withdrawal slip cashed January 31, 1958, he pointed out that it was on the Grant - Perry Office. He said that SAYLES claimed the man who presented it had his passbook which she used to record the withdrawal. She claimed that no one had ever told her that she should call another office of the bank before cashing a check or withdrawal slip on that office.

[redacted] advised that SAYLES claimed that she did not like bank work as her reason for resigning. He said that her current boyfriend is FRED CLIFTON, a student at the University of Buffalo.

[redacted] advised that SAYLES as well as other employees own and a staff account at the main office of the bank to which their salaries were credited.

[redacted] furnished information concerning his personal finances.

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[redacted] said that after the [redacted] incident, he kept thinking about the matter and several weeks later recalled that one day he had observed LUCILLE SAYLES writing a name on a pad of paper. He said that he could not definitely say whether he had dreamed that he had seen her writing this name or that he had actually seen her. He said that he recalled that she was writing the name over and over and he asked her what she was doing. Her reply was that she was practicing forging a name. He said that he believed the name was [redacted] or a similar name. He said it stuck in his mind that the name was Jewish. He said that at the time he thought nothing of the incident because [redacted] had been active in dramatic work at the Jewish Center at Summer and Delaware Avenue.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, (20-61)

4/28/58

APPROPRIATELY FILED

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM:

LITTLIE THOMAS RAYMOND, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Inc. -  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY 4

A review of certain records of the New York -  
Allen Office, The Marine Trust Company of Western New York,  
was made by SAs HAROLD J. [REDACTED] (A) and R. A. J. [REDACTED] (A)  
on April 3, 4, 5, and 9, 1958. The conversions involved  
in instant case are shown in the following schedule:

Withdrawals From	Date	Amount	Balance
[REDACTED] Account	8/29/57	200.00	33,204.67
	9/14/57	100.00	2,604.67
	10/11/57	100.00	2,429.67
	10/22/57	200.00	2,229.67
	11/7/57	200.00	1,655.67
		<u>\$ 800.00</u>	

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Withdrawal Slip In  
Name of [REDACTED]

1/31/58

500.00  
11,500.00

A review of the ledger account of [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] reflected that no deposits were made in the  
account after March 8, 1957. Other than the checks involved in  
this case, since checks were charged against the account be-  
tween March 8, 1957, and November 7, 1957.

Deposit tickets were examined for indications of  
lapping or other manipulation on each day that checks were  
charged against the [REDACTED] account and on January 29 & 31,  
1958.

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It was noted that on page 31, one of the missing checks was crossed against the [redacted] account, the amount credited to the amount of the check charged was listed as \$100.00 and dated 11/1/51 by J. R. AYCO. The check was not cashed and the following

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On each of the above dates the review of the teller's tape indicated that the check in question was listed by amount only as being received through Teller Number 70.

The checking account of LUCILLE SAYLES at the main office was reviewed.



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INTERVIEW REPORT**

U. I. H. T. H. M. A. S. A. T. I. S. The ledger also reflects that it was opened September 27, 1967. The maximum balance was \$50.00, which resulted from a deposit of \$50.00 on October 1, 1967. The account was closed by withdrawal of \$50.00 on October 12, 1967.

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File # 33-2454

Dictated: 4/23/59

47/58 at Buffalo, New York

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INTERVIEW REPORT

4/28/58

[redacted] 125 Soestene Street,  
Buffalo, New York, advised in the presence of [redacted]  
[redacted] that a checking account had been maintained  
at the Elmwood - Allen Office since 1942 or 1943. At  
no time in the past two years has he gone to the bank  
for his statements and cancelled checks. He has always  
received them through the mail. He made available his  
check stub book, which did not reflect a record of any  
of the five checks mentioned herein. He furnished all  
statements and cancelled checks in the past year. It was  
observed that the last statement available by [redacted]  
showed the last entry to be a withdrawal of \$31.00 on May 21,  
1957, leaving a balance of \$3,618.63. [redacted] said that  
neither he nor his wife drew any checks not recorded in his  
stub book. He said that neither he nor his wife drew the  
five checks reflected in this report. He advised that he is  
not acquainted with any of the personnel at the Elmwood -  
Allen Office, although he would probably recognize the manager,  
[redacted] if he met him on the street.

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Interview with [redacted]

File # 44-38861  
Dictated: 4/23/58

on 4/16/58 at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agents HAROLD J. BROWN (A) and EDWARD J. CRAIG (A)/ml

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

(20-571)

DATE 4/24/58

THIRLIE THIRMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood -  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York  
RE: AT - RESERVE ACT

[redacted] 100, [redacted] was  
[redacted] in her home, 1 [redacted] Buffalo, New  
York, between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. by SAs HAROLD J.  
BENTINGA (A) and J. PAUL J. CRAIG [redacted] described  
[redacted] various duties at the bank. She said that she first  
knew who [redacted] was when he came to the bank and asked  
for his checks. She said that she had posted checks to his  
ledger account and to his statement and knew that it was a  
fairly inactive account. She stated that she recalled a tall,  
dark Jewish looking woman come into the bank about a month  
before [redacted] came in to cash a check. She  
claimed that she did not write any checks on the [redacted]  
account and did not suspect anyone else in the bank of writing  
the checks. She alleged that she did not take or destroy the  
[redacted] checks.

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She said with respect to cashing the \$500.00 savings  
account withdrawal slip on January 31, 1958, that a man came  
into the bank with a passbook which reflected other withdrawals  
and deposits. She said that she would never cash a savings  
withdrawal slip unless the customer had his passbook. She said  
the passbook reflected about \$1,000.00 balance. She advised  
that she noted that the withdrawal slip was on an account in  
the Grant - Ferry Office and she asked him if his account was  
at the Grant - Ferry Office. He said that it was at that  
office and that she wrote the name Grant - Ferry in red ink  
because the name that he had written was somewhat illegible.  
She described the man as being about 50 years of age, 5' 8" in  
height, wearing a hat and overcoat, and having grey hair. She  
said that if a passbook showed an adequate balance it would  
not occur to her to call the other office in which the account  
was located.

SAYLES steadfastly denied that she had ever taken any  
of the bank's money.

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She said that she has a joint account with her boyfriend, FRED CLIFTON at the Jefferson Savings and Loan Association, Jefferson and Utica Streets. She said that it has a \$1.00 balance.

She advised that she is Secretary - Treasurer of the Community Dramatic Work Shop, which has an account at The Marine Trust Company, Main - High Office. She is co-signer with [redacted] instructor at the University of Buffalo.

She advised that she had a staff account at the Main Office.

She advised that she had a savings account at the Main - High Office of The Marine Trust Company, which was closed.

She advised that she borrowed money at the Seaboard Finance Company on Fillmore Avenue. She advised that the loan was originally \$500.00 about two years ago. She said her father co-signed the note with her. She said that she recalled making a substantial payment to the Seaboard Finance Company during the early part of the year because she intended to get married to FRED CLIFTON and wanted to get her obligations paid up. She claimed that she made the payment out of her own funds and that her father gave her some money. She said she did not recall the amount of the money but believed it was about \$200.00. She said that she did not recall the amount her father gave her but that it was about \$100.00. She advised she has an account at the Victor's Department Store and that the balance there is about \$30.00.

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She advised that her father is employed as a steel worker at the Symington - Gould Corp., Depew, New York, and has been employed there for 26 years. He makes about \$100.00 a week. Her parents have no bank account. They own their own home and pay on a mortgage to the Real Estate Firm Rubin and Green, Brisbane Building, Buffalo, New York. They also pay the Western Savings Bank on a loan for the improvement of the [redacted] of their home. She said that her father got his teeth fixed the past winter. The loan was renewed at the Seaboard Finance Company for that purpose. She believed the dentist was [redacted] near Jefferson and Hardwood Streets. SAYLES signed a written consent to take a lie detector test and furnished handwriting specimens. SAYLES furnished the following description of himself:

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Name	LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES
Date of Birth	June 27, 1936
Place of Birth	Dapew, New York
Race	Negro
Height	5' 8"
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	None
Eye Glasses	None
Posture	Erect
Habits	Does not use tobacco or narcotics
Relatives	Parents: SAMUEL and THELMA SAYLES, 11 Harwood Place, Buffalo, New York
	[REDACTED]
Social Security	#106-28-6037

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On April 14, 1958, FREDERICK C. STETTON, 40 Laurel Street, Buffalo, New York, voluntarily appeared at the Buffalo Office. He advised that he attends the University of Buffalo and is in his second year there. He said that he and SAYLES plan to marry in June of 1958 but decided to get married the latter part of April of 1958. He advised that after she quit her job at the bank she left home every morning at the regular time to make it appear to her parents that she was still working there. He advised that since leaving her job at the bank she has been moose and that he was of the opinion that she was involved in an irregularity at the bank because of her refusal to talk to him about her former employment at the bank. He said that SAYLES rarely had any allowance amount of money except on pay day. He was of the opinion that she gave her father \$30.00 or \$40.00 each pay day and that her father never gave her any money. He said that SAYLES never gave him any money. They exchanged gifts at Christmas time, but other than that she had never supplied him with any funds. He said the only specific instance of where her parents had given her money was on Friday, April 11, 1958, when her father gave her \$1.00 and her mother gave her \$1.00 for lunch money. He said that her father ruled her with an iron hand and treated her as if she were a small child. He said that SAYLES did not respect her father, but feared him. He said that her father was a staunch member of the Macedonia Baptist Church and wanted his family to attend.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 4/ 18/ 58  
Dictated: 4/ 18/ 58

SA HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)

LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood -  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York  
ORIGINAL APPROVE AND

On April 18, 1958, LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES came to the Buffalo Office accompanied by FREDIE J. CLIFTON. She was interviewed by SAs HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A) and EDWARD J. CRAIG (A) between 5:20 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. She furnished the following signed statement:

"Buffalo, NY  
April 18, 1958

"I, Lucille T Sayles, make the following statement to Harold J Bruninga and Edward J Craig, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been told that I do not have to say anything, that I may consult an attorney, and that anything I say may be used against me in court. I make this statement voluntarily. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I reside at 11 Harwood Place Buffalo, N.Y. I was employed by the Marine Trust Company from January 1956 to February 6, 1958. For about the last two years I was assigned to the Elmwood - Allen Office. I started doing tellers work in January 1957. Beginning in August or September 1957 and continuing to about November 7, 1957 I drew checks against the checking account of [redacted] I forged [redacted] name to several checks in amounts of \$100.00 and \$200.00 totaling between \$600.00 and \$800.00 during that period. I put these checks through my regular tellers work as checks cashed, but took the cash myself. I have been shown a copy of the [redacted] ledger account and have initialed it as being the account referred to above.

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"I recall that [redacted] came to the bank shortly after November 7, 1957. After he came to the

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"When asked about his account I removed all the cancelled checks from the file, took them home and destroyed them.

"I have observed a Savings Account Withdrawal slip dated Jan. 11, 1958, on the Grant & Ferry Office of the Marine Trust Company, payable to "self" for \$500.00 and signed by Anthony La Macchia. I made out this withdrawal slip, showed it in my tellers work as cash paid out, but kept the cash myself. I used the money to pay some bills. I knew there was no such account in the name of Anthony La Macchia but used this means to obtain money from the bank.

"This is all the money I took from the bank. I wish to state that I intend to repay the bank for the money I took.

"I have read this statement, consisting of this and three other pages, and it is true.

W. Lucille T. Sayles

"Witnesses:

/s/ Harold J. Bruninga, Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, NY  
/s/ Edward J. Craig, Special Agent, F.B.I., Buffalo, NY"

She said that she presently earns \$63.00 a week gross at the New York State Unemployment Office, her present employer. She pays \$15.00 a week board and room to her father and pays Seaboard Finance Company \$20.00 a month. She advised that she had discussed making restitution to the bank with CLIFTON and she intended to pay \$50.00 a month in making restitution and more if possible.

She advised that most of the money that she obtained from the bank was used to pay bills. She gave her mother money when she asked for it because her father never gave her mother any funds. Her mother was not aware that she was converting funds of the bank.

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"I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the statement of the witness, as given to me in my presence, that by the witness, as a holder of the Federal Title Office of the Marine Trust Company, that she converted between \$10,000 and \$20,000 of her own use, between August or September 1947 or November 1947 by using an account in the name of Rubenstein, and \$500.00 in January 1948 by using a withdrawal slip in the name of Joe Macchia.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true.

"/s/ Freddie J. Clifton

"witnesses:

/s/ Harold J. Fruniga, Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, NY  
/s/ Edward J. Craig, Special Agent, F.B.I., Buffalo, NY"

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[redacted] Vice-President and  
at The Marine Trust Company of Western New York, 1810  
Street, advised the following: - All of the shares is covered by  
F. T. [redacted] [redacted], dated September 21, 1957.

The Marine Trust Company holds the following  
certificates of shares in the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

1 certificate of 100 shares	1 certificate of 100 shares
1 certificate of 100 shares	1 certificate of 100 shares
1 certificate of 100 shares	1 certificate of 100 shares

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Interview with

[redacted]

File # 62-23433

Dated 4/21/58

on 4/2/58

at Buffalo, New York

by Special Agent

HAROLD J. [redacted] #22 (A)/m1

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OFFENSES

Item #1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 29, 1957	\$200.00

On or about August 29, 1957, LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller at the Elmwood - Allen Office of The Marine Trust Company of Western New York, Buffalo, New York, made and caused to be made an entry on the individual ledger sheet of [redacted] reflecting record of deposits and withdrawals made by said depositors in and with said bank.

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Said entry is machine printed and is reflected on the aforesaid sheet in the column of figures on the right hand side of said sheet being the eleventh item in said column and directly opposite the machine printed date "AUG 29' 57" as follows, to wit: "3,204.67," which said entry purports to show that said depositors had on said date of August 29, 1957, on deposit at said bank the sum of \$3,204.67 whereas the amount on deposit was greater by the amount of \$200.00.

Witnesses, Books and Records

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Elmwood - Allen Office  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York  
237 Main Street, Buffalo, New York

Will produce and identify the following:

1. Ledger card of [redacted] covering year 1957.
  2. Teller machine tapes and proof machine tapes for August 29, 1957, September 16, 1957, October 11, 1957, October 22, 1957, and November 7, 1957.
- [redacted]

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It is further stated that the above named persons, who are now in custody, have been in custody for the year 1957.

Will testify that they did not have any account for \$200.00 which was deposited on 11/7/57.

Special Agents of the Buffalo Police Department, Buffalo, New York, who are now in custody, have been in custody for the year 1957.

Will testify that they did not have any account for \$200.00 which was deposited on 11/7/57.

Item 1

Additional offenses similar to Item 1 are shown as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
11/22/57	\$200.00	16th	"OCT 22 1957"	"2,229.67"
11/7/57	\$200.00	18th	"NOV 7 1957"	"1,655.67"

Witnesses, Books and Records

Same as under Item 1.

Item #1

Date

January 31, 1958

On or about January 31, 1958, LOUISE THELMA SAYLES, teller at the Elmwood - Allen Office of the Marine Trust Company of Western New York, Buffalo, New York, converted to her own use the sum of \$500.00 from said bank.

Said conversion was accomplished by LOUISE THELMA SAYLES' preparation of a "Savings Account Withdrawal," dated "JAN 30 1958" on the Grant - Ferry Office of said bank, payable

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to "self" in the name of [redacted] well knowing  
that there was no such account in said bank. SAYLES showed  
in her records of transactions handled that day that she  
cashed said withdrawal slip when in fact she took for her own  
the sum of \$500.00 from the current of said bank in her  
capacity as teller.

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Witnesses: [redacted]

JOHN H. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York  
Buffalo, New York

Will produce and identify the following records:

1. Savings account withdrawal slip, dated January  
30, 1958, for \$500.00.
2. Teller machine tape of SAYLES, dated January  
30, 1958, and proof machine tape for that date.

[redacted]  
Main Office  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, 237 Main Street,  
Buffalo, New York

Will testify that he circularized all offices of The  
Marine Trust Company including the Grant & Perry Office and  
searched the bank indices and that there is no such account in  
any office under the name of [redacted]

Special Agents HAROLD J. BRUNING (A) and  
EDWARD J. CRAIG (A)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Buffalo Office  
Buffalo, New York

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Will produce and identify the signed statement of  
EUGENE SAYLES and testify as to the examination of bank records.

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Assistant 1/1/57 to present  
Teller 1/1/57 to present  
Bookkeeper 10/1/57 to present  
Check Desk Clerk 1/9/57 to present  
Teller 9/23/57 to present  
Bookkeeper 9/12/57 to 8/31/57  
10/14/57 to present  
Check Desk Clerk 10/1/57 to present  
Janitor 9/26/57 to present

On April 9, 1958, SE [redacted] was furnished with information from the files of the Dallas Retail Merchants Credit Association, 155 Franklin Street, concerning the above employees by [redacted] Clerk, at that Bureau.

The following bank employees at the Elmwood - Allen Office were interviewed as possible witnesses and suspects on the dates indicated and pertinent information recorded:

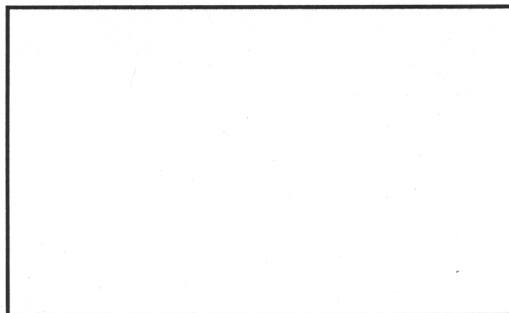
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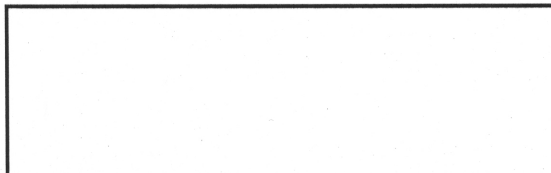
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Boone Street  
15, 1958

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with specimens to undergo polygraph examination  
were obtained from the following persons:



Handwriting specimens were obtained from the following  
bank employees:





On April 2, 1958, [redacted] ROBERTSON, Assistant Vice-President and Personnel Director, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, advised SA HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A) and [redacted] (A) that LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES had submitted an application for employment on February 7, 1958. She stated on her resume that leaving The Marine Trust Company that she was satisfied that office work she did not consider the type she worked with as being intelligent. She was turned down because of a poor recommendation from The Marine Trust Company.

On April 7, 1958, Miss [redacted] Buffalo Detail Mechanic Credit Association, 17 Franklin Street, advised SA (A) HAROLD J. BRUNINGA that the record of LUCILLE SAYLES, 11 Harwood Place, Buffalo, New York, reflected she had an account at Victor's Department Store and at Teller & Mure, 15 Court Street. The record of [redacted] and THELMA SAYLES at the same address reflected that he was employed at the Symington - Gould Corp. He was paying the Western Savings Bank on a personal or car loan on December of 1957. Payments were made as agreed.

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On April 7, 1958, [redacted] Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Main Office, advised SA (A) HAROLD J. BRUNINGA the indices of that office failed to reflect an account for LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES.

As reflected by the schedule previously set forth the total amount of the shortage is \$1,300.00. No restitution has been made, according to LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES.

On April 21, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that he wished to review a report of instant matter before deciding as to prosecution.

#### HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT

On April 2, 1958, the personnel file of LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES at the Main Office of subject bank reflected that she was initially employed December 27, 1955, and that she resigned February 13, 1958. Her salary when hired was \$2,080.00 per year and at the time of her resignation her salary was \$2,756.00 per year. It was reflected that her grades when attending the Franklin-McCarter Vocational High School averaged 93.5. She stood 18th in her class. She was Vice-President of the Junior Class and was Co-Managing Editor of the school newspaper. Her ratings while an

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photograph.

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information and is being retained for your use. It is not  
being requested at the present time in view of the fact that  
it is not needed. If it becomes necessary, this examination will be  
requested at a later date.

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LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Seller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood -  
Allen Office, Buffalo,  
New York

**HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)**

**FEDERAL RESERVE ACT**

USA has not reached a decision as to prosecution.

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**DETAILS: AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

On May 22, 1958, [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, advised he has not decided as to prosecution in this case. He said he intended to talk to LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES and then reach a decision.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-22627)

DATE 6/12/58

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (2 - 110)

SUBJECT : LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood -  
Allen Office, Buffalo,  
New York  
FRA

Enclosed is a report of SA HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A),  
dated and captioned as above, at Buffalo.

## REFERENCE

Report of SA HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A), 4/30/58, at Buffalo.

## LEADS

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#### AT BUFFALO, N.Y.

Will follow and report the results of prosecutive  
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The Bureau in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 4714.

Report submitted

Report will be submitted

Reason for delay

*Not submitted because of lack of information*

2. Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Report of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Re: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Assistant United

\_\_\_\_\_ advised he has decided as to  
disposition of the case in the  
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Special Agent

Special Agent  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-37100)

DATE: 7/29/58

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-10)

SUBJECT: LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Buffalo -  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York  
TSAThis is a report in connection with the investigation of the  
SA, dated 7/29/58 at Buffalo.REFERENCEReport of SA HAROLD J. SPURINCA (A), dated 7/17/58  
at Buffalo.LEADBUFFALOAT BUFFALO, NEW YORKWill follow and report the results of prosecutive  
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Report made at

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Report made by

HAROLD J. TRUNINGA (A)

CHARACTER OF CASE

THIRMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Buffalo, New York, Elmwood-  
Office, Buffalo, New York

FEDERAL RESERVE

Character of Case: Federal Reserve

DETAILS: AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On September 3, 1958, [redacted] Assistant  
United States Attorney, advised he wished to discuss  
the case with United States Attorney JOHN O. HENDERSON, after  
which a decision will be reached as to prosecutive action to  
be taken.

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REFERENCE: [illegible]  
 [illegible]

ACTION:

GROUP: (A) CAROL [illegible]  
 [illegible]

LEAD:

BUFFALO:AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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REPORT OF  
SPECIAL AGENT

OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
BUFFALO

DATE  
12/17/58

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REPORT MADE BY  
HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)

INVESTIGATION OF TH-IMA SAYINS, Tailed  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood-Allen  
Office, Buffalo, New York

CHARACTER OF CASE

REASON FOR REFERENCE

REMARKS

REFERENCE TO REPORT OF SA HAROLD J. BRUNINGA dated 12/17/58,  
at Buffalo.

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AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will follow and report prosecutive action in this  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case No.

Report of  
Date

HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)  
12/17/58

Office: BUFFALO

File Number:

Buffalo 29-515; Bureau 29-22627

Title

LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller.  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood-Allen  
Office, Buffalo, New York

Character:

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

Synopsis:

USA advised he intends to dispose of case after  
first of year.

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Details: AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On December 3, 1958, Assistant United States  
Attorney [redacted] advised that he had written a  
letter to subject SAYLES advising her that he intended  
to dispose of the matter pending against her after the  
first of the year. He said that it was his intention to  
proceed against her by information.

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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO  
SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: [illegible]  
CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: [illegible]

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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Copies: 1 - A, Buffalo

Report of: SA (A) HAROLD J. REINENBA  
Date: January 22, 1959

Office: Buffalo

File Number: Buffalo 89-110; Bureau 89-110

Title: JAMES HENRY MAYER, Father  
The Mayer Trust Company of  
Western New York, Woodward-Allen  
Office, Buffalo, New York

Character: TRUSTAT RECOVER ACT

Synopsis: USA advised he intended to dispose of instant case  
by end of 1/59.

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Details: AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On January 12, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney  
[redacted] advised that he intended to dispose of instant case  
by information by the end of January of 1959.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**2/27/59**

**2/25/59**

Report made by

**HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)**

**SJL**

CHARACTER OF CASE

**SCILLE THELMA SAYLES, Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood-  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York**

**FEDERAL RESERVE ACT**

## REFERENCE

**Report of SA(A) HAROLD J.  
BRUNINGA, 1/23/59, Buffalo.**

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## LEADS

**REMARKS**

**AT BUFFALO NEW YORK**

**this case.**

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HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A) Office: Buffalo, New York  
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LUCILLE THELMA SAYLES; Teller,  
The Marine Trust Company of  
Western New York, Elmwood-  
Allen Office, Buffalo, New York

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

USA advised he intended to dispose of instant  
case on 3/10/59.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

On February 25, 1959, Assistant United States  
Attorney [redacted] Western District of New  
York, advised he intended to dispose of instant case on  
March 10, 1959, on which date Judge HAROLD P. BURKE would be  
holding court in Buffalo.

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Character of Case

REPORT

Report of SA (A) PARCEL J. BOONINGA, 3/27/59,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK  
12-10-59

Character: FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

Synopsis: USA, advised he intends to charge subject by information and dispose of case on or about 5/1/59.

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**DETAILS: AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

On March 5, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Western District of New York, said he interviewed the subject in his office on March 3, 1959. She is married to FREDDIE J. CLIFTON and is to have a baby about April 1, 1959. He said he intends to charge her with a misdemeanor by information and dispose of the case on or about May 1, 1959.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BUFFALO

Report made by HAROLD J. BRUNINGA (A)

CHARACTER OF CASE:

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

1. LIE BYLE CLERK N, de-  
2. Thelma Sayles, E

REFERENCE: Report of SA (A) HAROLD J. BRUNINGA, dated  
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HAROLD J. BRUNING (A)

Office: Buffalo, New York

Buffalo 9-10

Bureau 10-20-59

LUCILLE MAYLES CLIFTON

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

USA advised he intends to handle case during  
month of May, 1959.

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Details:

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On May 6, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney  
[redacted] Western District of  
New York, said he intended to handle the dispo-  
sition of this case during the month of May 1959.

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4/29/59  
by  
HAROLD J. BRUNING (a)

CHARACTER OF CASE

CLIFTON, nee  
Payles, ETAL

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

REFERENCE: Report of SA(A) HAROLD J. BRUNING dated  
5/13/59 at Buffalo.  
Buffalo letter to Bureau, 6/20/59.

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ENCLOSURE:

TO BUREAU

Probation notice.

Special Agent  
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CHAR. RE. BUREAU

Information filed 7/22/59 charging CLIFTON with embezzlement of \$50.00 in violation of Section 656, Title 18, USC. Pled guilty 7/22/59 and sentenced to two years. Sentence suspended and placed on probation for two years and ordered to make restitution within ability to do so.

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DETAILS:

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On July 29, 1959, the file in the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of New York, showed that on July 22, 1959, CLIFTON was charged in an information with embezzlement of \$50.00 from an F.B.I.C. insured bank in violation of Section 656, Title 18, United States Code. On July 22, 1959, she pled guilty and was sentenced to two years. Execution of sentence was suspended and she was placed on probation for two years. She was ordered to make restitution within her ability to do so.

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